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In re : Chapter 11 Case No.

LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC., et al., : 08-13555 (SCC)

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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR'S OBJECTION TO CLAIM NUMBER 17725

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 21, 2016, Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("LBHI"), as Plan Administrator under the Modified Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors for the entities in the above-referenced chapter 11 cases, filed its objection to claim number 17725 (the "Claim Objection"), and that a hearing (the "Hearing") to consider the Claim Objection will be held before the Honorable Shelley C. Chapman, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in Courtroom 623 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004, on November 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time), or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any responses to the Claim Objection must be in writing, shall conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court, shall be filed with the Bankruptcy Court (a) electronically in accordance with General Order M-399 (which can be found at

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www.nysb.uscourts.gov) by registered users of the Bankruptcy Court's filing system, and (b) by

all other parties in interest, on a CD-ROM or 3.5 inch disk, preferably in Portable Document

Format (PDF), WordPerfect, or any other Windows-based word processing format (with a hard

copy delivered directly to Chambers), in accordance with General Order M-182 (which can be

found at www.nysb.uscourts.gov), and shall be served in accordance with General Order M-399

upon (i) the chambers of the Honorable Shelley C. Chapman, One Bowling Green, New York,

New York 10004, Courtroom 623; (ii) attorneys for LBHI, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767

Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153 (Attn: Garrett A. Fail, Esq.) and (iii) the Office of

the United States Trustee for Region 2, U.S. Federal Office Building, 201 Varick Street, Suite

1006, New York, New York 10014 (Attn: William K. Harrington, Esq., Susan Golden, Esq., and

Andrea B. Schwartz, Esq.); so as to be so filed and received by no later than November 14, 2016

at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) (the "Response Deadline").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if no responses are timely filed and

served with respect to the Claim Objection, the Plan Administrator may, on or after the Response

Deadline, submit to the Bankruptcy Court an order substantially in the form of the proposed

order annexed to the Claim Objection, which order may be entered with no further notice or

opportunity to be heard offered to any party.

Dated: October 21, 2016

New York, New York

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THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR'S OBJECTION TO CLAIM NUMBER 17725

TO THE HONORABLE SHELLEY C. CHAPMAN UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("<u>LBHI</u>"), as Plan Administrator under the Modified Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors (the "<u>Plan</u>")¹ for the entities in the above-referenced chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Chapter 11 Estates"), respectfully represents as follows:

RELIEF REQUESTED

1. The Plan Administrator files this objection pursuant to section 502(b) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 3007(d) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), seeking disallowance and expungement of claim number 17725 (the "Claim").

¹ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Plan.

JURISDICTION

2. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

BACKGROUND

- 3. Commencing on September 15, 2008 and periodically thereafter, LBHI and certain of its subsidiaries commenced with this Court voluntary cases under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. These chapter 11 cases have been consolidated for procedural purposes only and are being jointly administered pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b).
- 4. On December 6, 2011 the Court approved and entered an order confirming the Plan [ECF No. 23023]. The Plan became effective on March 6, 2012. Pursuant to the Plan, the Plan Administrator is authorized to interpose and prosecute objections to claims filed against the Chapter 11 Estates.
- 5. On September 18, 2009, Lloyds TSB Bank plc (the "<u>Claimant</u>") filed the Claim against LBHI based on a purposed guarantee by LBHI of the obligations of Lehman Brothers Finance S.A. ("<u>LBFSA</u>") under certain derivatives contracts.

THE CLAIM SHOULD BE DISALLOWED AND EXPUNGED

6. A filed proof of claim is "deemed allowed, unless a party in interest . . . objects." 11 U.S.C. § 502(a). If an objection refuting at least one of the claim's essential allegations is asserted, the claimant has the burden to demonstrate the validity of the claim. *See In re Oneida Ltd.*, 400 B.R. 384, 389 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2009); *In re Adelphia Commc'ns Corp.*, No. 02-41729, 2007 Bankr. LEXIS 660, at *15 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Feb. 20, 2007); *In re Rockefeller Ctr. Props.*, 272 B.R. 524, 539 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2000). Section 502(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in relevant part, that a claim may not be allowed to the extent that

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"such claim is unenforceable against the debtor and property of the debtor, under any agreement or applicable law." 11 U.S.C. § 502(b)(1).

- 7. The Plan Administrator utilizes a thorough, multi-step process to review claims filed against the Chapter 11 Estates based on derivatives contracts in order to determine the fair, accurate, and reasonable value, if any, of such claims. Specifically, the Plan Administrator: (i) collects and reviews documents related to the relevant derivatives contracts including, but not limited to, the relevant Derivatives Questionnaire and/or guarantee questionnaire, the termination notice, and the valuation statement; (ii) reconciles posted collateral and any cash payments already received, made, or missed; and (iii) reviews the valuation methodology used by the claimant to determine the value of the claim, including verifying the legitimacy of quotes provided by the claimant in connection with its valuation statement, reviewing claimant's "loss" calculation, and evaluating any set-off claims.²
- 8. After a review of the Claimant's supporting documentation and LBHI's books and records, the Plan Administrator has determined that, based on the fair, accurate, and reasonable value of the underlying derivatives contracts, LBFSA (and therefore, LBHI) does not owe any amounts to the Claimant. Rather, the Plan Administrator has determined that the Claimant actually owes an amount to LBFSA. Accordingly, the Plan Administrator requests that the Court disallow and expunge the Claim.

² For a more comprehensive discussion of the valuation process, please see the *Declaration of Gary H. Mandelblatt* in Support of Debtors' Motion Pursuant to Section 502(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c)(3) for Establishment of the Deadline for Filing Proofs of Claim, Approval of the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof and Approval of the Proof of Claim Form (attached as "Exhibit C" to Debtors' Omnibus Reply to Objections to Motion of the Debtors, Pursuant to Section 502(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c)(3), for Establishment of the Deadline for Filing Proofs of Claim, Approval of the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof and Approval of the Proof of Claim Form [ECF No. 4113]).

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RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

9. The Plan Administrator reserves all rights to object on any other bases to

the Claim as to which the Court does not grant the relief requested herein.

Administrator reserves the right to conduct further discovery as to the Claim and any matters

raised by the Claimant and to supplement this and other filings as a result thereof.

NOTICE

10. No trustee has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases. Notice of this

claim objection has been provided to (i) the United States Trustee for Region 2; (ii) the Securities

and Exchange Commission; (iii) the Internal Revenue Service; (iv) the United States Attorney

for the Southern District of New York; (v) the Claimant; and (vi) all other parties entitled to

notice in accordance with the procedures set forth in the second amended order entered on June

17, 2010 governing case management and administrative procedures for these cases [ECF No.

9635]. The Plan Administrator submits that no other or further notice need be provided.

11. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made by the Plan

Administrator or the Chapter 11 Estates to this or any other Court.

WHEREFORE the Plan Administrator respectfully requests entry of an order

granting the relief requested herein and such other and further relief as is just.

Dated: October 21, 2016

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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

ORDER GRANTING PLAN ADMINISTRATOR'S OBJECTION TO CLAIM NUMBER 17725

Upon the objection to claim number 17725, dated October 21, 2016 (the "Claim Objection"), of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., as Plan Administrator under the Modified Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and its Affiliated Debtors, seeking to disallow and expunge the Claim pursuant to section 502(b) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 3007(d) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, all as more fully described in the Claim Objection; and due and proper notice of the Claim Objection having been provided as stated therein, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and the Court having found and determined that the relief sought in the Claim Objection is in the best interests of the Chapter 11 Estates, their creditors, and all parties in interest, and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Claim Objection establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

ORDERED that the relief requested in the Claim Objection is granted; and it is further

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ORDERED that, pursuant to section 502(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, claim number 17725 is disallowed and expunged in its entirety with prejudice; and it is further

ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to this Order.

Dated: ______, 2016 New York, New York

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE